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Pascagoula, Miss:  
FRIDAY,.....MAY 16, 1879.

LAST week Col. Geo. B. Myers, circuit clerk of Marshall county, died after several weeks' illness.

THE Southern Baptist convention, which met at Atlanta on the 8th, adjourned last Tuesday to meet at Lexington, Ky., next May.

ON Monday Mr. Hayes sent in his second veto to the army bill. The stalwarts are making a desperate effort to retain the clause requiring the troops at the polls.

WE have three communications on file for next week's issue. One from "Palma" one from "South Mississippi" and one from "1830." They will appear next week.

THE editor of the Aberdeen Examiner, Maj. Jonas, has been appointed secretary of the senate committee on the improvement of the Mississippi river, and has gone to Washington.

THE business manager of this paper will be at Mississippi City, at the meeting of court next Monday, with a pocket full of blank receipts ready to fill out for delinquents and exchange for greenbacks.

THE fair which closed at Mobile last Saturday was in every respect a success. There were a large number of visitors present from abroad, and the display of the different articles of manufacture, product, etc., was fine indeed.

Two weeks from next Wednesday the Press convention will meet at this place. We are assured our citizens will make all necessary preparations for entertaining the brethren. This will be the grandest opportunity in Pascagoula's history, and wide awake citizens realize the importance thereof.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Charleston News and Courier says an exodus of negroes from the other South Carolina counties has begun into Beaufort county, some fifteen hundred having already arrived. They talk of concentrating on the coast and forming a colony. They have not yet grasped the Kansas idea.

NEXT Monday, the 19th, circuit court will convene at Mississippi City, and on the following Monday, the 26th, Judge Hamm will move his forces over here and take possession of our new courthouse, where he will deal out even-handed justice for two weeks if there be business upon the docket to justify that length of time.

IN New Orleans, under the instructions of Chief Boylan, policemen are stationed at the entrance of the theaters, who search all men who pass in. The chief is determined to put a stop to carrying concealed weapons in that city. Let the good work go on, and may it spread throughout Mississippi also.

WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW is if Col. Mayers of the DEMOCRAT-STAR is going to have that hanging for the benefit of the members of the press.—*Lauderdale Review.*

THE circuit court will be in session at the time the press brethren will be here, and if it should be impracticable to have a man hung, we might have jury hung for the edification of the press gang, if that will do just as well.

THE Washington Post says that as soon as Carter Harrison got warm in his seat as mayor of Chicago, he appointed a colored man to a position. And yet his election was said to be an endorsement of "the Confederacy." The republican sometimes votes for a negro, but that always happens when there is no possibility of electing him.

A DISPATCH from Pensacola says the steamship Alice, and the iron-clad Conqueus arrived at that port Monday, and were sent to the quarantine station. The crew of the Conqueus will be sent North, and the vessel sealed and left in quarantine until frost to prevent any danger of another Plymouth case. This action was taken by order of the naval authorities.

## VIOLATED LAWS.

Not a day passes in this or any other community in the State, but what the laws are openly and notoriously violated in one respect or another, yet we elect men whose sworn duty it is to arrest and punish offenders of these laws, and pay them to perform their duties. If law is violated and men go unpunished where does the fault lie? Whose business is it to arrest men for disregarding and overriding the plain clauses of the statute? Why, naturally we would suppose it is the peace officers' business to arrest offenders and have them brought up for trial. It is their duty to do it; that is what they are elected for; and that is what is expected of them by the people who elect them. Perhaps of all the laws most frequently violated is the following which is found in section 2832 of the Code:

"If any person shall profanely swear or curse, or shall be drunk in any public place in the presence of two or more persons, he shall on conviction thereof be fined any sum not exceeding five dollars, or be imprisoned for any term not exceeding thirty days, or both, at the discretion of the court."

If there are laws made by the legislature which are not sanctioned by the moral support of the citizens, and which cannot be enforced by the officers of the law, then it were better all such should be repealed, than to stand upon the statutes and be openly and flagrantly violated every day. But we are of the decided opinion all laws could be enforced if we had competent men in office—men who would dare perform their known duty when they knew of the laws being violated.

Then there is another law found in section 2831 of the Code, which is scarcely noticed by the officers, which is as follows:

"Persons who have no visible means of support, but who for most part, support themselves by gambling, shall be deemed, held and taken as vagrants and shall be dealt with as such."

There are also many other sections of the Code that are openly disregarded by many citizens, and perhaps we will have more to say upon this subject at another time.

## STATE CONSTITUTIONS.

The thirty-eight States in the Union, says the New Orleans Democrat, have made ninety-seven constitutions for themselves—nearly three apiece. Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, Oregon, Rhode Island and Wisconsin have each had only one constitution. Georgia and Louisiana, on the other hand, have had the most in number; Georgia, having already adopted six constitutions, while the present convention, now in session in New Orleans, is the sixth that has met in Louisiana. Kansas, however, would appear to be the State hardest to please in the matter of constitutions. It adopted one in 1857; was not satisfied with this, and tried another next year, in 1858, and still another in 1859, and in the summer of that same year adopted several important amendments thereto. The following are the dates of the present constitutions of the Southern States: Alabama, 1875; Arkansas, 1874; Florida, 1868; Georgia, 1876; Kentucky, 1850; Louisiana, 1868; Maryland, 1867; Mississippi, 1868; Missouri, 1875; North Carolina, 1875; Tennessee, 1870; Texas, 1876; Virginia, 1870; West Virginia, 1872. It will be seen that Kentucky is the only Southern State whose constitution stood the shock of the war. Florida, Louisiana, Maryland and Mississippi are still living under "reconstruction" constitutions. The oldest State constitution in the Union is that of Massachusetts, adopted in 1780 and still in force. New Hampshire's constitution dates from 1792, Vermont's from 1793 and Connecticut's from 1818. The youngest constitution is that of California, adopted last Wednesday. A new constitution is now being agitated in Kentucky, and there is considerable talk of having a constitutional convention called in our own State, and a great many leading men favor the idea.

THE SOUTH.

Senator Morgan, of Alabama, in his reply to Conkling's speech on the army bill, and his reflections upon the situation in the Southern States, among other scathing remarks to this New York stalwart, said: "Mr. Conkling had told the South to go to work. The South was at work; delicate women, not black but white, toiled in the cotton fields all day. There were no tramps, thank God, in the South. No man might lack food and shelter." Whereupon the New York

Star says: Yes, it is a fact, that while very many white people at the North are pinched for food, and tramps and beggars are seen everywhere, and while republican demagogues are crying out about negroes suffering in the South, there is no man, woman or child, black or white, but that can get food and shelter in that section of the country. And, indeed, nowhere are common laborers better paid or more sure of work if disposed to labor. But to calumniate the South and Southern people is the old policy of such republican leaders as Conkling, Edmunds and other stalwarts, and, no doubt, it will continue to be so. It is the South, the South all the time, before the war, after the war, when slavery existed and since it has been abolished—nothing but the South. The republicans have no other platform and nothing else to go upon.

WE extend thanks to Messrs. Robert Coltart, Smith & Co., of 13 Lancaster Building, Liverpool, England, for a copy of their wood circular and prices current for May. As regards lumber, timber and staves from the United States we make the following extracts:

Pitch pine has been arriving very freely, and about half the wood landed has been sold into the country. The stock of heavy timber has been considerably augmented by the large arrivals, and the desire to sell ex quay probably stimulated the consumption which was double that of same time last year, while sawn remains much the same. At auction, the cargo ex "East," from Pensacola, was sold at an average of 124¢ per foot for 81 feet average hewn. Pitch pine flooring a heavy stock; sales have been made at 215¢ per standard. There is but little demand for United States oak. Lowest treenails of special lengths are inquired for. Free States oak staves have been offered freely during the month. At auction, New Orleans extra heavy wine pine realized 24¢ to 25¢ 10 per mile, but very few of the parcels offered were sold.

## HANCOCK CIRCUIT COURT.

Circuit court commenced work on the 6th instant, and has been busily engaged for the first week in the trial of civil cases. A new vigor and vim are now exhibited in the trial of causes; indeed, a new era has come in the mode of handling and trying cases in our coast counties, as will further appear in Harrison and Jackson counties when their courts come on. The old style must give way to the new.

The criminal docket was taken up Tuesday of the second week. Charles Williams, colored, was tried for killing another colored man, under the charge of man-slaughter, and the jury rendered a verdict of guilty as charged in the indictment.

Not many criminal cases will be tried at this term. There are many new indictments, but they will be continued to next term.

The grand jury have created panic and consternation in a wide circle of officials and candidates for office, by their investigations, report, and some judgments. There is a rattling among the dry bones, such as has not been heard for many days. The ring is broken as badly as was the body of poor "Humpty Dumpty," in the children's story book. The grand jury were discharged on Saturday evening of the first week, and they made the following report:

To the Hon. James S. Hamm, judge, etc:

The grand jurors having now concluded their investigations for the term, respectfully submit the following report: That they have examined the transcripts and dockets of the several justices of the peace of the county, and find that all the fines collected by them have been accounted for; that they have examined the county jail, and find the same secure and well kept by the sheriff and jailer; that they have made careful investigation of all violations of the criminal law occurring in said county, and made presentments in all cases where such action was required by evidence obtained by them. They have failed to find bills in certain cases already reported to the court on account of a failure to obtain sufficient evidence to prove the several offences charged against said defendants. That they have had complaints preferred in reference to the finances of the county, but after examining several witnesses they have been unable to make any presentments. They are of the opinion that there is a necessity for a thorough investigation of the county finances, and the receipts and disbursements of public moneys, and respectfully suggest that your Honor give the next grand jury a special charge on this subject; that they have been embarrassed at the very outset of their investigations in this direction by the failure of the late clerk to perform his duties as investigation auditor, and have abandoned the investigation on account of want of time to complete it, and the necessity of an adjournment of the grand jury at the present time to attend to necessary demands of their several employments; they, therefore, pray to be discharged.

G. W. HOLLEMAN, Foreman.

THE fact that the person supposed to be most familiar with the facts, being brought before the grand jury refused to give evidence on the ground that any knowledge possessed by him was protected because such knowledge was obtained by him as counsel for those concerned in the business, and he could not disclose such secrets. The district attorney further stated that the examination so far as it progressed, showed an unexplained and large deficit in the accounts of the county treasurer.

Judge Hamm complimented the grand jury highly for their intelligence and fidelity in the discharge of their duties, and assured them that their suggestions should be received at the next term of the court his special attention to the matters referred to.

A large number of indictments have been found against justices of the peace and constables for drunkenness in office. If convicted they must go out of office. The court adjourned Thursday, the 15th inst.

## THE MILD-EYED REPTILES.

Starville Times.

An item of news comes to us from Double Springs, in this county, that we would regard as a rich product of fancy was it not that the truth of the facts is forced into us by the perfectly responsible and reliable source through which they reach us. Briefly stated, as detailed to us, the facts are these: Last week, two little boys of Mr. John Q. Henry, who lives near Double Springs, were cleaning up an old fence rail, and found under a piece of rail, three snakes, the old one and a couple of young ones. The old serpent was two and a half feet long, and the size of the body was proportionate to its length. The young ones were about half grown.

The remarkable color and singular habits of these reptiles at once attracted the attention and excited the admiration of the boys. The body of the old snake had a black ground which was streaked off with white lines running along the length of the body, giving to it very much the appearance of ruled letter paper. The young were of the same coloring, but the lines not so distinctly defined. Along the edges of these lines figures and nearly all of the letters of the English alphabet could be seen and recognized. These letters and figures were of good size and well shaped, and were as plain and distinct as they are in a spelling book. These serpents instead of being vicious and snappy, were perfectly docile and tractable, so much so that the boys had no fear of them, and handled them.

The snakes were taken to the house from the field, and the above facts are guaranteed by Mr. John J. Henry, whose veracity is not questioned on any matter.

## Press Convention.

Oklaheba Citizen.

The Press convention that is to assemble in Pascagoula, on the seashore, in June, will, it is thought, be a very grand affair of the assembled wisdom of the State. Extensive preparations are being made, and meetings have been held along the coast, to give all the editors of the State such a banquet as they never had before. Jefferson Davis will be there, and our distinguished historian, Hon. J. F. H. Claiborne, will be there, Ethel Barksdale and Jas. S. Mason, besides a large number of distinguished strangers from abroad. Excursion from Mobile to New Orleans, to Galveston and round by San Francisco, and back by Starville, is among the possibilities of this grand reunion of the annual meeting of the Mississippi Press convention. Oh, it will be a grand assembling amidst the orange groves of our own Mississippi.

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Also 20 good turpentine hands.  
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### THE ENTIRELY NEW STEAMER

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A few boarders, by the day, week or month, with or without lodging, can find accommodations at a private boarding house near the railroad depot, on Pascagoula street, Scranton, Miss. Terms in accordance with the times.

MRS. F. A. BLAKE.

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THE OLDEST DRUG FIRM IN THE UNITED STATES.

Pure, Unadulterated Medicines Only Sold at this House.  
Neatness, accuracy and dispatch in the execution of orders characterize our business. Prices as low as goods of the same quality in like quantities can be bought anywhere.  
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Parlor, Dining, Bedroom and other Household Furniture,

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Louisiana Ice Manufact'g Co.

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## H. W. FRENCH,

42.....SOUTH COMMERCE ST.,.....42

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Our ICE is made in solid blocks of 100 lbs. Shipping orders solicited.

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IN VARIOUS STYLES AND QUALITIES.

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FROM INFANTS' SIZE UP.

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